[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(*b*) If so, what were the conditions on which the new grant was made?

(*c*) Have those conditions been fulfilled by Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar? If not, what steps have been taken to enforce them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), no answer is called for.

Purchase of Opium.

40. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) What is the quantity of opium annually purchased from the British Government?

(*b*) What is the duty on it?

(*c*) Is this duty credited in the budget? If not, why?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) About 5000 seers.

(*b*) and (*c*) Opium required for use in this State is now purchased from the Government of Madras at Br. Rs. 70 per seer, which is made up of Rs. 23 being the cost price to that Government, and Rs. 47 being the duty charged by that Government. The duty does not form a receipt of the Travancore Government. That is the existing understanding between the two Governments.

Receipts under Customs.

41. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): What is the revenue under Customs in 1096, 1097 and 1098, both under export and import?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to page 41 of the Statistical Volume for 1097. The figures for 1098 will be available only after the close of the year.

Tariff Rate of Cocoanuts.

42. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): What is the tariff rate on cocoanuts? When was it fixed? Do Government contemplate revising it?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The member is referred to page 538 of the Almanac and Directory for 1923.

(2) The tariff rate was fixed by notification No. S. R. 229/585, dated the 30th January, 1920.

(3) No revision of the rate is now in contemplation.

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